



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Ashley Ridge High School  
DORCHESTER 2  
Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 2,150  
Principal: Karen Radcliffe  
Superintendent: Joseph R. Pye  
Board Chair: Gail Hughes

PERFORMANCE		Comprehensive detail, including definitions of ratings, performance criteria, and explanations of status, is available on <a href="http://www.ed.sc.gov">www.ed.sc.gov</a> and <a href="http://www.eoc.sc.gov">www.eoc.sc.gov</a> as well as school and school district websites. Printed versions are available from school districts upon request.					
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM		
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator	
2014	Excellent	Excellent	TBD	TBD	A	N/A	
2013	Excellent	Good	GOLD	N/A	C	N/A	
2012	Excellent	Excellent	GOLD	N/A	A	N/A	

ABSOLUTE RATING OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*				
EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
15	1	0	0	0

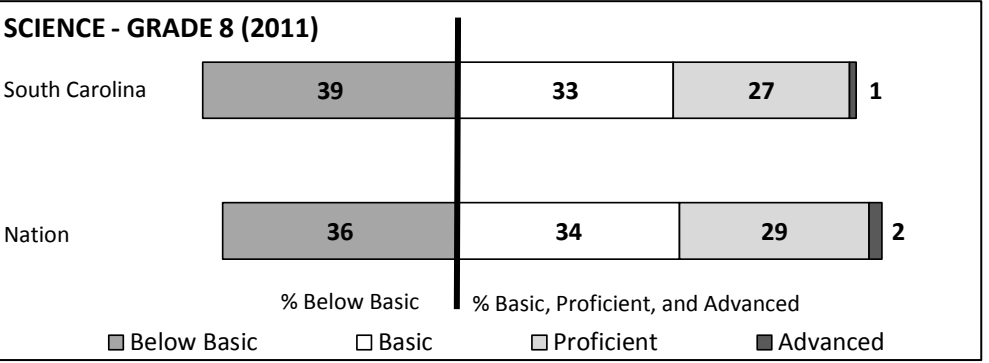
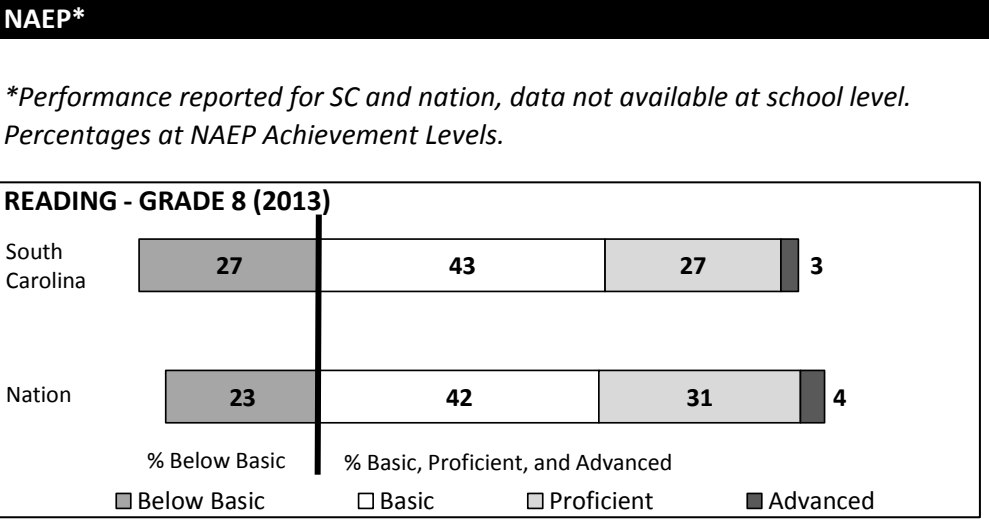
\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015. Schools with Students Like Ours with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM(HSAP) EXAM PASSAGE RATE(%): SECOND YEAR STUDENTS				
	Our High School		High Schools with Students Like Ours	
	2013	2014	2013	2014
Passed 2 subtests (%)	88.9%	88.6%	86.0%	84.4%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	8.2%	7.6%	9.2%	10.0%
Passed no subtests (%)	2.9%	3.8%	4.8%	5.6%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2014		
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	98.7%	95.4%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE		
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	516	348
Number of diplomas	454	297
Rate (%)	88.0%	85.5%

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2014		
% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	85.1%	85.9%
English 1	77.1%	76.9%
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	90.8%	87.8%
US History and the Constitution	77.5%	71.0%
All Tests	82.9%	81.3%



**SC PERFORMANCE VISION**

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n = 2,150)				
Retention Rate	1.8%	Up from 0.9%	2.2%	3.0%
Attendance Rate	95.1%	Up from 95.0%	96.2%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	22.5%	Up from 17.8%	27.6%	17.7%
With disabilities	8.6%	Down from 9.8%	9.0%	11.5%
Older than usual for grade	6.0%	Down from 6.1%	6.2%	7.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.5%	Down from 1.9%	1.0%	1.1%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	15.2%	Up from 12.0%	30.2%	15.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	61.8%	Down from 72.0%	58.3%	52.8%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	45.1%	Up from 41.9%	31.9%	30.6%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	13.4%	Up from 10.8%	10.1%	5.3%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	1128	Up from 1063	697	423
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	81.7%	Up from 78.7%	86.6%	84.5%
Annual dropout rate	1.1%	Down from 1.2%	2.0%	2.1%
Teachers (n = 118)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	56.8%	Up from 54.5%	64.9%	64.3%
Continuing contract teachers	66.1%	Down from 72.7%	77.2%	77.3%
Teachers returning from previous year	87.2%	Down from 90.7%	85.7%	85.5%
Teacher attendance rate	93.7%	Down from 94.0%	95.3%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,342	Down 0.1%	\$48,754	\$48,414
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.2%	Up from 0.4%	1.0%	3.0%
Professional development days/teacher	8.1 days	Up from 7.9 days	8.9 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	6.0	Up from 5.0	6.5	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	26.7 to 1	Down from 27.8 to 1	27.6 to 1	26.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.9%	Down from 88.1%	90.2%	90.3%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,507	Up 0.2%	\$7,383	\$8,238
Percent expenditures for teacher salaries**	57.5%	Up from 57.0%	59.2%	56.9%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	58.3%	Up from 58.0%	60.2%	58.0%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	98.6%	Up from 95.3%	98.2%	98.7%
Character development program	Average	No change	Good	Good
ESEA composite index score	93.3	Up from 79.8	91.2	84.1

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.  
\*\*Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	132	377	63
Percent satisfied with learning environment	84.8%	73.2%	95.3%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	89.4%	78.2%	77.8%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	84.2%	84.0%	70.3%

\* Only eleventh grade students and their parents were included. For schools without grade eleven, only the highest grade was included.

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REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL  
IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Ashley Ridge High School is committed to providing educational opportunities in a safe, supportive environment which fosters pride, inspires excellence, promotes respect, and builds strong relationships. Quite simply, we ARE AR! During the brief six years Ashley Ridge has been open, our students have made a lasting impact within our community. This year we awarded 455 diplomas to our fourth graduating class of Swamp Foxes. We had 31 Palmetto Fellows, 15 SC Academic Achievement Honors Award recipients, 60 Honor Graduates, 131 seniors who qualified for the Life Scholarship, and 2 seniors with perfect attendance for twelve consecutive years. Our Swamp Fox family recognizes our responsibility to prepare our students for continued success in future endeavors.

The Swamp Foxes continue to celebrate our many honors and successes, both within the walls of our building and on fields and in programs outside of the building. Our sports turf team earned the South Carolina Soccer Field of the Year honor. The AFJROTC program was named a Distinguished Unit for the sixth straight year. Our Swamp Fresh Garden earned the USDA Good Agricultural Practices and Good Handling Practices distinction. Ashley Ridge fielded nineteen athletic teams, seventeen of which competed in the post season. The Swamp Foxes earned five region titles: baseball, girls’ tennis, boys’ cross-country, girls’ soccer and boys’ soccer.

At Ashley Ridge High School, we remain committed to producing citizens who are good stewards within our community. Our students, clubs, student leadership team, and student government continue to donate hundreds of hours of time and thousands of dollars in contributions to charitable organizations. The Swamp Foxes have been a member of the National Jefferson Awards for Public Service Students in Action program for the past three years. We have earned the Jefferson Gold Award for our level of commitment to community service. Our students have won the Lowcountry Food Drive for four consecutive years, collecting over 15,000 pounds of food to fight hunger in our local community. At the Sixth Annual Swamp Fest, our student body hosted a field day for over 200 students with special needs who joined us for a morning of interactive games, food, music and camaraderie. Our Swamp Foxes came away from the Swamp Fest experience as stronger advocates for fellow students facing special challenges.

At Ashley Ridge, we realize that challenges exist amidst great success as well. We continue to work toward ensuring that our students are college and career ready when they exit Ashley Ridge. We strive for all graduates from Ashley Ridge to obtain a high school diploma, a portable work ready credential, a college entrance exam score, a letter of acceptance to a post-secondary school or an acceptance into a branch of the military or employment, and the necessary tools to be productive citizens within our community.

There is no place like Ashley Ridge. It's home to us, and we ARE.....AR!

Karen Radcliffe, Principal                      Don Baus, SIC

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